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REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

(37 CFR 1.136(a))

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Commissioner:

The applicant respectfully requests an extension of time of one month to respond to the Office Action mailed April 2, 2002. An appropriate response in the form of an amendment is enclosed herewith.

A check to cover the fee of \$110 is enclosed.

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